

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 18 and ending at page 23, line 7 as follows.

Preferred examples of an inorganic acid include hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, nitric acid, sulfuric acid and phosphoric acid. Preferred examples of an organic acid include sulfonic acids such as methanesulfonic acid, benzenesulfonic acid and p-toluenesulfonic acid; fatty acids such as formic acid, acetic acid and propionic acid; aliphatic dicarboxylic acids such as oxalic acid, malonic acid and succinic acid; unsaturated fatty acids such as acrylic acid, fumaric acid and maleic acid; carbocyclic carboxylic acids such as phthalic acid, isophthalic acid and terephthalic acid; and substituted carboxylic acids such as trifluoroacetic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, malic acid, lactic acid and glycolic acid. Among them, fatty acids, lactic acid and glycolic acid are more preferably used, and acetic acid is particularly preferably used. Preferred examples of an acidic amino acid include aspartic acid and glutamic acid. Preferred examples of a basic amino acid include arginine, lysine and ornithine. Preferred examples of an inorganic base include alkali metals such as sodium and potassium; alkaline earth metals such as calcium and magnesium; alkali metal hydrides such as lithium hydride, potassium hydride and sodium hydride; inorganic hydroxides such as lithium hydroxide, ~~oxide~~, potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide and calcium hydroxide; carbonates such as sodium carbonate, potassium carbonate and sodium acid carbonate; aluminum, and ammonium. Preferred examples of an organic base include metal alkoxides having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, such as lithium ethoxide, lithium-tert-butoxide, sodium methoxide, sodium ethoxide and potassium-tert-butoxide; metal phenoxides such as potassium phenoxide and sodium phenoxide; acetates such as sodium acetate and potassium acetate; organic lithium salts such as n-butyl lithium, t-butyl lithium and diethylamino lithium; hydrazines such as phenylhydrazine and p-tolylhydrazine; amidines; quaternary ammonium hydroxides; sulfonium bases; and amines such as trimethylamine, triethylamine, pyridine, picoline, 2,6-lutidine, ethanolamine, diethanolamine, triethanolamine, cyclohexylamine, dicyclohexylamine and N,N'-dibenzylethylenediamine.